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Scriptural Testimony
Concerning the
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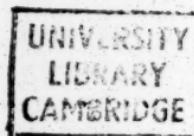
Shewing the great Necessity of Believing in
the L O R D J E S U S Inseperably, as he
is both G O D and M A N ; according
to the Doctrin of the Holy *Scriptures*:
By way of *Epistle* to all faithful Friends
and Brethren.

John 3.15. 16. *Whosoever believeth on him,*
(i. e. the Son of Man) *shall not Perish,*
but have Eternal Life.
For God so loved the World, that he gave
his only begotten Son, that whosoever be-
lieveth in him should not Perish, but have
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CHRIST.

DEAR Friends and Christian Brethren, every where Scattered up and down, who have been *Believers* in the Lord Jesus Christ of *Naazreth* (who is both *true* and *Perfect God* and *true* and *Perfect Man*) in whom our Life, and Eternal Hope of Salvation, Purchased For all those that shall truly beleive in his Name; who in the appointed time of the Father, gave himself a Sacrifice once for all, for the expiation of the Sins of the whole World, bearing them in his most Holy and Glorious Body upon, the

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tree of the Cross: thus in his Person (or Humanity) he became Sin for us, that had no Sin, reconciling us to God the Father in his most Dear and Precious Blood, in whose saving Name I dearly salute you every where, beseeching you (my Brethren and Friends) to call fervently upon him, and approach near unto God the Father by his Mediatorship, who sits at the Right Hand of the Majesty on high, continually making intercession as our Heavenly Advocate and high-Priest for us, teaching us by his Spirit how to Pray, and then offering up the Incense of our Prayers to God the Father, and praying for us who always beholds the face of the Inapprehensible Majesty of God, to whom no mortal eye can approach.

The exhortation that lives in my heart towards you is on this wise (viz) To exhort you to let the remembrance of those Gospel Truths which have been often sounded as an alarm in your ears by the Lords faithful servants and Messengers, dwell weightily upon your Souls is the earnest desire and Travail of my Spirit unto God for you as for my own Soul, Oh! Prize it, with all the other precious Truths in the Scriptures of the *Old* and *New* Testament, recorded for our Learning and instruction ; Oh! you that are in any measure awakened out of the sleep of *Ignorance* and Unbelief, strive by the assistance of Gods Holy Spirit more and more, to obtain a true and living Soul Saving Faith, in our for-ever Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is both the Son of God and the Son of Man, the Son of God by an Eternal Generation, the Son

Son of Man by Incarnation. In time prize ye the Mercies of God in Christ both Spiritual and Temporal let them never be obliterated out of your Remembrance; let time be often set a part by you to read the *Scriptures* of the *Old* and *New-Testament*, praying for the assistance of the *Holy Spirit*, to help and unfold those deep *Mysteries* of the *Kingdom* of our *God* and *Christ* therein contained, let them not be slighted by you, as they have been by some in Years past, through their *Ignorance*, and *Blindness*, which is a grief to my *Soul*, to think of with reluctance of mind in that case, but when I look at the good Hand of the Lord, my Soul is drawn forth into an Admiration of his inexpressible *Love* and *Kindness*, who hath been so Good and Gracious unto a small Remnant of the sinful *Sons* and *Daughters* of *Men*, in that he hath been so pleased to raise up among us, or rather brought back from a *remote Place* of the *World*, one unto us whom he, in his great kindness, hath made instrumental in his hand to the awakening of our Souls, who were as I may so say, at ease, and had taken up a false Rest by the way; but now I trust, seeing the Lord hath been pleased to further Illuminate the Understandings of some, they are resolved by his assistance to travel on in his Name and Power until they arrive at the desired *Port*, or *Haven* of Rest, even the Heavenly *Canaan*: In the Sense and Remembrance of which, my Soul blesseth the Lord, and all that is within me praiseth his most holy Name, who is wholly and alone worthy of the same for Evermore.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom; and a good Understanding have all they that do thereafter. And the way to have true Wisdom is to fear the Lord, and ask it of him, who is the Father of Lights, from whom cometh every good and perfect Gift, (who is a Bountiful Father, that giveth liberally unto his Children, and upbraideth not, &c.)

Prov. 2. v. 23, 4, 5, 6. If thou incline thine Ear unto Wisdom, and apply thine Heart to Understanding: Yea, if thou criest after Knowledge, and liftest up thy Voice for Understanding: If thou seekest her as Silver, and searchest for her as for hid Treasure, then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord; and find the Knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth Wisdom; out of his Mouth cometh Knowledge and Understanding, &c. Seek aright and then thou wilt have the true Knowledge of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who, in the days of his Flesh, expressed himself after this manner; (viz.) Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doth the Will of my Father which is in Heaven: Matt. the 7th and 21st. The will of God is that we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, whom he hath sent, as he is both true God and Man; that is to believe in him truly as we ought to do, and not to divide his Humanity from his Godhead, but to believe in him inseperably, to be our compleat Saviour, who said unto his Disciples; Ye believe in God, believe also in me, John 14. v. 1, &c. Who also said elsewhere unto the Jews; Except ye believe that I am he you

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you shall die in your sins——and whither I go you cannot come. John. 8. 24, 28. Then said Jesus unto them, When you have lift up the Son of Man, then shall ye know that I am He, ——but now ye seek to Kill me, a Man that hath told you the Truth, which I have heard of God, &c.

So here is a great necessity for all to believe in the glorified Man Christ, not excluding his Manhood from being jointly concerned therein, I shall cite thee some Scripture Testimonies, whereby thou may see the necessity of believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, both to his Humanity as well as his Divinity; and also to confess him before men, who said, Matth. 10. 32, 33. *Whoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father, which is in Heaven; but whoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in Heaven.* Therefore let all Fleſh dread and Fear the Lord, and have a living Faith in the inward and bieſted Appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ in their Hearts, as alio his outward Appearance in the Days of his Fleſh, who Died and Suffered for us, and is ascended into Heaven as an Advocate with the Father for us, who also shall come again at the laſt and great Day of general Judgment, to judge both Quick and Dead; and happy will all those be to whom the Sentence shall be pronounced of *Come ye blessed, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you, &c.* For the Mystery of the true Evangelical Faith is held in a Pure Conscience, i Epift. to Timothy the 3d, 9. and 16. And without Controversie great is the

the Mystery of Godliness: God manifest in the Flesh. Justified in the Spirit, seen of Angels, Preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the World, received up into Glory. A great and glorious Mystery indeed it is to know Salvation by Jesus Christ, who said, Matt. 11. 19. *The Son of Man came eating and drinking; and they say, behold a Man Gluttonous, a Wine-bibber, a friend of Publicans and Sinners: but Wisdom is justified of her Children.* Matth. 12. 8. For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath-Day.—32. verse. And whosoever speaketh a Word against the Son of Man it shall be forgiven him, &c.—40. verse. For as Jonas was three days and three Nights in the Whale's belly, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the Earth. Matt. 13. 41. The Son of Man shall send forth his Angels, &c. Matth. 16. 27. For the Son of Man shall come in the Glory of his Father, with his Angels, &c. Matth. 17. 9. Tell the Vision to no man until the Son of Man be risen again from the Dead. verse 22d. The Son of Man shall be betrayed into the hands of Men. Matth. 19. 28. When the Son of Man shall set in the Throne of his Glory; yea, also shall set upon twelve Thrones, judging the twelve Tribes of Israel. the 20th Chapter, 18, 19 v. And the Son of Man shall be betrayed unto the chief Priests, and they shall condemn him to Death, to Mock, to Scourge, to crucifie him, and the third day he shall rise again. [Mark] The Son of Man shall rise again, our blessed Lord and Saviour's own Words; therefore let it shame those who deny him to be risen; and affirms

affirms, what he took of the *Virgin* he left in the *Grave*, and never went Bodily into Heaven, &c.

Matt. 24. 27. For as the Lightning that shineth from the East unto the West, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.

Mark 8. 28. Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my Words in this sinful Generation, of him also the Son of Man shall be ashamed, when he cometh in the Glory of his Father, with the holy Angels, &c.

Luke 1. 35. Therefore also that holy Thing which shall be born of thee, (i. e. the Virgin Mary) shall be called the Son of God. A saying sufficient to satisfy that our Lord and Saviour is both God and Man, who remains in the presence of God for us, being a continual Intercessor with the Father.

John 6. 27.53.62, Labour for that Meat which the Son of Man shall give unto you, for him hath God the Father Sealed, &c.

Except ye eat the Flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his Blood, ye have no Life in you. Whose Blood the Author to the Hebrews, in the 12. 24. directs unto. And to Jesus the Mediator of the new Covenant ; and to the Blood of Sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. And what if you shall see the Son of Man ascend up where he was before, John 1. 30. This is he of whom I said, after me cometh a Man which is preferred before me. verse 34. And I saw and bare Record that this is the Son of God.

Here thou may see the beloved Disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ declares him to be both God and Man : O comfortable saying indeed ! Who can declare the Height and Length, and Breadth thereof ! whose matchless Love is beyond all Carnal apprehension.

John 3, 13, 14, 15. And no Man hath ascended up to Heaven, but he that came down from Heaven, even the Son of Man which is in Heaven. And as Moses lifted up the Serpent in the Wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in him should not Perish, but have Eternal Life.

These Scripture Testimonies are cited for the information of those who in any wise have slighted the *Humanity of Christ*, in hopes thereby they may be awakened to see that they ought not only to confess Christ, but also to believe in him *Inseperably*, who is both true *God*, and perfect *Man*; (viz.) For there is one *God*, and one *Mediator between God and Men*, the *Man Christ Jesus*, who gave himself a *Ransom for all*, to be *testified of in due time*. The first Epistle of Paul to Timothy, the 2d Chap. verse 5, 6.

Therefore let shame cover the Faces of those that deny the *Humanity of Christ*, whose Ignorance of the Scriptures greatly bewrayeth them to be unsound in the true Evangelical and saving Faith ; who say, and boldly affirm, That our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, is only to be Preached a *Light* in every *Man* ; and that

that there is not such words as the *Man Christ* in all the Scriptures, &c. But thou may see by the following Scriptural Citation as well as the aforegoing, that the Author to the *Hebrews* calls him, (i. e.) our Lord Jesus, by the term of *Man*; *Heb.* 7. 24, 25. *But this Man*, (i. e. the *Man Christ Jesus*) because he continueth ever, hath an Unchangable Priesthood, who is able to save to the uttermost, those who come to God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make Intercession for them: *But this Man* after he had offered one sacrifice for Sins, for ever sat down at the right Hand of God, &c.

Heb. 10. 12. *Be it known unto you therefore Men and Brethren*, that through this *Man* (viz. Christ) is Preached unto you the forgiveness of sins. *Acts* 13. 38. *God commandeth all Men every where to Repent*, because he hath appointed a Day, (*Acts* 17. 30, 31.) in the which he will Judge the World in Righteousness, by that *Man* whom he hath Ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all *Men*, in that he hath raised him from the Dead.

Here you may plainly see our Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth is Preached by his Holy Apostles, both *God* and *Man*, a compleat and intire Saviour to all those that shall believe in his powerful Name; *Whose Name is a strong Tower of Defence*, and the Righteous fly therunto and are in safety, where none can make Afraid.

And thus to have a living Faith in him is precious indeed to all such Believers, whereby the Glory of our blessed Lord's Divinity cannot be Ecclipsed by those whose Faith are thus established in him, who is the Rock of Ages, and the Foundation of many Generations, who alone is worthy of all Honour and Praise.

So thou art hereby earnestly desired to read these Scriptures herein inserted, with others, which we have omitted for brevity sake. O let none be ashamed to confess their Redeemer! and hide their Faith of him shut up within their Breasts! but let every one who have believed in his glorious Appearance, be Zealous and Fervently concerned in their Stations and Capacities, to Preach their holy Faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, both in Doctrin and godly Conversation, for the information of all those who are seeking the way to Sion, with their Faces thitherward.

Seek him that is able to lead you and conduct you in the true and living Way, &c. *I am the Way, said Christ, the Truth, and the Life, he that believeth in me shall have everlasting Life, he is the Light and the Life.* Whose Indwelling-presence fills Heaven and the whole Earth, whose Bright Glory shines in the midst of Nations, to the end that her Sons may come from far, and her Daughters from the ends of the Earth, to sit down at Wisdoms-gate, in the Temple of which is the Ministrarion of life where the Unity of the Spirit and true Bond of Peace will be known; in the Remem-

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brance whereof, are prayers offered to the living God, That he would be pleased in his own appointed time and season to hasten what he Promised by the mouth of his Prophet Zephan. chap. 3, 9. *For then will I turn unto the People a Pure Language, that they may all call upon the Name of the Lord,* to serve him with one consent, in which desire we Travel with an expectation of seeing the same fulfilled, however the will of the most high God be done, in Earth, as it is in Heaven *Amen.*

Saith a Lover of all Souls,

who is known by the

Name of John Spire junr.

London the first of the
third Month, called
May, 1696.

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Friendly Reader.

B eing Religiously and Conscientiously concerned and grieved, to see and hear how some, under the Profession of the Blessed Truth, slight and undervalue the *Person*, (or *Humanity*) of our Blessed *Lord* and *Saviour Jesus Christ*, who is the Immaculate *Lamb of God*, that taketh away the sins of the World.

It being matter of great Grief and Lamentation to many, to see the Doctrine of Christ together with the Testimony of the *Holy Scriptures*, exposed to reproach in such an evil and perilous Day, and time wherein we live. I could do no less then seriously recommend unto thee the afore going *Testimony*, (if happily thou mayst be recovered out of that evil State in which too to many are fallen into,) and also exhort thee to have a care of rending, tearing, and dividing the *Doctrine of Christ's Humanity* from his *God-Head*,

Head, which ought to go *inseparably* together ; therefore see to it, that thou may be cloathed whith his Seamless Garment ; that's woven from the top to the bottom ; for as *Christ* is but *one*, his *truth one*, his *Garment one*, so ought his *Church* and *People* to be *one*, which that it may be so with every one, while one this side of the *Grave* is my earnest desire, that when days and time to us shall be no more, we may have our dwelling and Habitation with the Lord, Eternally in the Heavens above : So I Command you with my self to the Lord Jesus Christ, whom we have in any measure Believed, and to the word of his Grace, which is able to save us ; *Farewel.*

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